



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3652  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09459.0002-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Toshihisa NOZAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3652  
Application No.: 10/786,068 ) Examiner: Gina M. Lupino  
Filed: February 26, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 7239  
For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE )  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on May 2, 2007, the period for response having been extended through October 2, 2007, by a request for extension of time of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendment section of this paper.